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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A central vacuum cleaner including a suction hose (22) and a central unit having a motor, a fan, a dust container (15), a filter and a suction joint (7) for attaching the suction hose either directly or by means of a suction piping, and an exhaust joint (20) for directing the air flow out of the central unit, wherein the central unit includes an operating unit (1) separate from the central unit, the operating unit having
  - adaptors for attaching the central unit (2) to the operating unit,
  - an exhaust junction (3) for connecting the exhaust joint (20) of the central unit to the operating unit,
  - an additional filter (4) for filtering the air flow coming through the exhaust joint and exhaust junction, as well as
  - an exhaust port (5) for directing the air flow that travelled through the additional filter into the air space surrounding the operating unit.
2. (Currently Amended) The central vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the operating unit (1) includes a suction junction (6) for connecting the suction joint (7) of the central unit (2) to the operating unit.
3. (Currently Amended) The central vacuum cleaner according to claim 2, wherein the operating unit (1) includes a suction box (8) in connection with the suction junction (6), to which the suction hose (22) can be attached.

4. (Currently Amended) The central vacuum cleaner according to claim 3, wherein the suction box (8) of the operating (1) unit includes a switch where the central unit can be started and switched off.
5. (Currently Amended) The central vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the operating unit (1) includes a frame component having suspension means (40) for mounting the operating unit on the wall.
6. (Previously Presented) The central vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the adaptors are suspension elements by means of which the central unit is attached to the operating unit.
7. (Previously Presented) The central vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the adaptors are supporting elements such as supporting surfaces by means of which the central unit is supported on the operating unit.
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